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C O N F I D E N T I A L JOHANNESBURG 1522

CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

ROME FOR SARROS

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINS, PINT, SHUM, SF
SUBJECT: YCW CHAPLAIN FATHER DEFLEURIOT

REF: JOHANNESBURG 1356 (NOTAL), JOHANNESBURG 1450 (NOTAL)

1. FATHER DEFLEURIOT, NATIONAL CHAPLAIN OF THE
YOUNG CHRISTIAN WORKERS (YCW) IN SOUTH AFRICA,
ACCOMPANIED BY BRITISH LABOR ATTACHE BILL VOSE, CALLED
AT POST JUNE 15 TO DETAIL DETENTIONS AND MIS-
TREATMENTS OF MEMBERS OF THE YCW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.
HE SAID HE HAD EYEWITNESS ACCOUNTS OF ABUSES SUFFERED
BY YCW LEADER MAGWANE IN JAIL. HE, AND MEMBERS OF
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE STILL NOT DETAINED, WERE PREPARING
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DOSSIER OF ARRESTS AND MISTREATMENTS WHICH HE SAID
THEY WOULD LIKE TO DELIVER TO CONSULATE GENERAL DURBAN
ON, OR SHORTLY AFTER, MONDAY, JUNE 19. WE SUGGESTED
HE CALL ON CONSUL GENERAL FARBER OR, IF ABSENT, CONSUL
FUGIT. WE GAVE HIM ASSURANCES THAT DOSSIER WOULD BE
POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT FOR APPROPRIATE ATTENTION.

2. FATHER DEFLEURIOT STATED HIS BELIEF THAT ALL MEMBERS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF YCW WOULD BE ARRESTED AS SOON AS APPREHENDED. HE, HIMSELF, EXPECTED TO BE DEPORTED TO MAURITIUS. HE SAID HE WAS PERSUADED THAT SAG'S PURPOSE WAS RELIGIOUS PERSECUTION, AND CARDINAL MCCANN HAD SAID AS MUCH PUBLICLY IN CAPE TOWN. HE SAID ARCH BISHOP FITZGERALD OF THE JOHANNESBURG DIOCESE HAD BEEN HELPFUL IN PROTESTING DETENTIONS TO SAG OFFICIALS.

3. FYI - WE UNDERSTAND FROM PRESS ACCOUNTS THAT CARDINAL PIGNADOLI IS VISITING APOSTOLIC DELEGATE IN SOUTH AFRICA AND SHOULD PRESUMABLY BE BRIEFED ON SUBJECT. END FYI.

4. FATHER DEFLEURIOT SAID HE WILL TRANSMIT A COPY OF THE DOSSIER TO THE BRITISH MISSION IN ADDITION, WITH HOPE IT WILL BE TRANSMITTED TO LONDON.
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